REGULATION (EEC) No 2616/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 14 October 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 as regards the special period of validity for export licences for cereals and rice

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1996/74 [2], and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC [3] of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1129/74 [4], and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1968/73 [5] of 19 July 1973 laying down general rules to be applied in the event of the cereals market being disturbed, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 676/74 [6], and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2737/73 [7] of 8 October 1973 laying down general rules to be applied in the event of the rice market being disturbed and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof;

Whereas under Article 24 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 [8] of 23 December 1970 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 672/74 [9], the period of validity of export licences may be longer than the normal period; whereas this provision has both a commercial and an economic purpose;

Whereas the fixing of export levies is intended to prevent disturbances on the Community market by ensuring a sufficient supply of cereals but does not preclude exportation;

Whereas Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 provides that where advance fixing of the refund is requested the period of validity set for the export licence may be longer than the normal period;

Whereas it would appear desirable for the purposes of certain special export operations to make provision for a similar special period of validity in cases where an export levy applies;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The first sentence of Article 24 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 is replaced by the following:

'2. In such cases, the party concerned shall lodge with the competent authority an application for an export licence together with an application for advance fixing of the export refund or levy applicable in respect of the intended destination on the date when such application is lodged, and also particulars of the minimum and maximum quantity that he intends to export and the minimum and maximum period necessary for carrying out the exportation, provided that the minimum quantity may not be less than 75 000 metric tons for common wheat, rye, barley, maize, wheat flour and rye flour or 50 000 metric tons for rice.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 209, 31. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 128, 10. 5. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 201, 21. 7. 1973, p. 10.
(6) OJ No L 83, 28. 3. 1974, p. 3.
(7) OJ No L 282, 9. 10. 1973, p. 13.
(8) OJ No L 283, 29. 12. 1970, p. 15.
(9) OJ No L 81, 27. 3. 1974, p. 9.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 October 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI